

MEETING OF

THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, April 8, 2009, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Edwin Kee, Secretary of Agriculture
William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman	Kevin Coyle (representing David Small, Acting Secretary of DNREC)
L. Allen Messick, Jr., Treasurer	Velda Jones-Potter, State Treasurer
Lyn Davenport, Secretary	

Absent: G Ray Staats, Joseph Wick, and Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Cathy Mesick, Robin West and Danielle Klosowski.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, Mr. Austin Short, Mr. Mark Davis, and Mr. Michael Brown.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with prayer.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 997 farms in preservation districts totaling 147,090 acres, with a total of 505 farms under agricultural easements totaling 90,735 acres at a cost of \$146,619,248. For PDR 14 there are a total of 141 farms comprising 15,472 acres with a value of \$147,784,153. For PDR 15 there are a total of 54 farms, comprising 3,985 acres, with a value of \$52,263,437. For the Forestland Preservation Program there are 34 Areas comprising 2,561 acres. For PDR 14 for Forestland Preservation there is a total of 22 Areas, comprising 2,131 acres, with a value of \$9,293,099.

Michael McGrath instructed staff to put the Forestland Preservation Areas for the next purchase of development rights round on the Progress Report for the next meeting.

II. Forestland Preservation Areas Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Greenblatt Forestland Preservation Area # 1, F-S-08-12-246B. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Greenblatt Forestland Preservation Area #1, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**
2. Greenblatt Forestland Preservation Area #2, F-S-08-12-246C. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Greenblatt Forestland Preservation Area #2, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Expansion Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Bobby's Farm Expansion #1 of the J.E. Walls, Jr. Trust District, ID#S-08-12-246B. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Bobby's Farm Expansion #1 of the J.E. Walls, Jr. Trust District, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**
2. Bobby's Farm Expansion #2 of the J.E. Walls, Jr. Trust District, ID#S-08-12-246C. After discussion, **Allen Mesick, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Bobby's Farm Expansion #2 of the J.E. Walls, Jr. Trust District, seconded by William Vanderwende. Motion unanimously approved.**
3. Richard Expansion of the Tappahanna District, ID#K-08-17-219K. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Richard Expansion of the Tappahanna District, seconded by Allen Messick, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

IV. District Final Approval

1. The Hastings District, ID#S-08-11-251. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for final approval the Hastings District, seconded by Allen Messick, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

Secretary Kee waived the Veto of the Secretary of Agriculture for the above Forestland Preservation Areas, District Expansions and District Final Approval.

V. Public Comments – No public comments were received.

VI. Minutes:

Chairman Garey asked if there were any comments or changes to the March 11, 2009, minutes. Hearing none, the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Allen Messick, Jr. moved to approve the March minutes, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

VII. Financial Highlights:

Howard Mesick presented the Financial Summary for the month of March, 2009, informing the Foundation Board that we had, as of March 31, 2009, \$148,462.62 in the Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account. We also received \$185.50 revenue from rollback taxes, with interest for the month of March of \$248.00. Expenditures for the month of March totaled \$53,756.62. After discussion **Lyn Davenport moved to approve the March 2009 financial statement as presented, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

Mr. Michael McGrath informed the Board about the NRCS letter in their packet of materials for the meeting which states the extension date for the \$3M of funding. Mr. McGrath also discussed the additional \$4M in funding from FRPP.

VIII. Executive Session

Michael Parkowski informed the Board it was necessary to hold an Executive Session to discuss appraisal matters. **William Vanderwende moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Allen Messick, Jr. Motion unanimously approved. The Executive Session began at 8:57 a.m.**

The Executive Session ended at 9:15 a.m. when Allen Messick moved to go back into regular session, seconded by William Vanderwende. Motion unanimously approved.

IX. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on May 13, 2009 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Vanderwende
Vice Chairman